City of Charlottesville
2019 Lead and Copper Sampling

This past summer, we were required by the Virginia Department of Health, in accordance with our water quality sampling schedule, to test a certain number of homes in the City for lead and copper concentrations from drinking water taps. Thirty-four (34) water samples were collected following the detailed guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Water samples were then tested for lead and copper at the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS) in Richmond, which is an EPA-certified lab.

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, the EPA has set the current Action Level of lead in water to a level of 15 parts per billion (ppb) and copper of 1300 ppb. All water samples collected from the 34 homes were well below the current Action Levels set by the EPA for lead and copper.

These results ensure that the water in the City of Charlottesville continues to be clean, safe, and reliable. If you would like any additional information on our water quality testing or general questions please contact the Water Operations Program Coordinator, at (434) 970-3805 or email at waterquality@charlottesville.gov.

For more information on lead in drinking water, you can go here: www.epa.gov/lead
To view the City of Charlottesville’s current water quality report, you can go here: www.charlottesville.org/waterquality